Installation of Handpumps in Villages

†5224. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of handpumps installed in country under the National Drinking Water Scheme during last three years and the state-wise details thereof;

(b) the total amount incurred by Government for installing one handpump;

(c) the target fixed for installation of Deep Well handpumps in rural ares during the 10th Five Year Plan; and

(d) the provision made for expenditure for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) Drinking Water Supply being a State subject, the schemes for providing drinking water supply in rural areas are implemented by the State Governments with their own resources. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The State Governments have the powers to plan sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes. States are free to sanction and implement individual Rural Drinking Water Supply Scheme. The details of handpumps installed state-wise and the cost thereof are not maintained by the Central Government. However, as per information furnished by the State Governments from time to time, there are about 35 lakhs handpumps and over one lakh piped water supply schemes installed in the rural areas of the country. Through these schemes, out of the 14,22,664 rural habitations in the country, 12,65,093 have been fully covered and 1,40,208 have been partially covered and only 17,363 rural habitations still remain to be covered with drinking water facilities. As per the National Agenda for Governance of the Government all the rural habitations in the country are proposed to be covered with drinking water facility by the year 2004. The total allocation for rural water supply sector during 10th Plan is Rs. 13500 crore.

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